

N95 and KN95 surgical masks, delivered hundreds of thousands of hot meals and food kits, established numerous non-medical help line centers across the United States, and conducted hundreds of webinars on health and visa issues to help people in dire need.

Madam Speaker, while our battle with this virus is not yet finished, I want to recognize the exemplary efforts of these organizations for their heroic efforts. Their work to provide international aid to fight COVID-19 has demonstrated an unrivaled level of compassion and commitment to humanity that is saving lives, preserving economies, and strengthening public health and safety across the world.

HONORING ELOISE CAMPBELL
BARFIELD-FIGGS

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 10, 2022

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable hero, Mrs. Eloise Campbell Barfield-Figgs.

Eloise was born on December 10, 1944, in Marks, MS, to Louise "Mama Lou" Hankins and Charlie Campbell. She grew up in a home with seven siblings—two sisters and five brothers in Marks, MS.

Eloise is a 1963 graduate of Quitman County High School; and she later attended Coahoma Community College where she majored in Early Childhood Education. She utilized her educational background and started her career in the early childhood field by serving as Center Director for Head Start in Lambert, MS. She also served as Parent Center Coordinator for the Quitman County School District. She established a name for herself by working in the public sector as a Justice Court Clerk, a Clerk in the Chancery Clerk's Office; Customer Service Representative at Shreveport Credit Union (now Red River), and Delta Burial Funeral Association. She is currently retired but felt the need to return to work to share her skills and talents by cooking and serving three "Hot & Nutritious" meals to the County Inmates.

Eloise later married James R. Figgs (former Civil Rights Activist) and they had three children: Wynetta, Anja, and Dwight; four grandchildren and one great grandson.

Eloise is a strong pillar in her community and is the matriarch of her family. She continues to care for her children, her grandchildren, her great grandson and two of her disabled brothers. She is devoted to ensuring that her brothers are well taken care of and provides them with meals daily.

Over the course of her life, she has contributed to her community tremendously. She assists with distributing food boxes to needy families, disabled adults and the elderly throughout the community. As a pillar of her community, she has continued to help others through her many organizational affiliations, (Current & Past) such as the Heroine of Jericho; The National Council of Negro Women, Inc.; the NAACP (Local, State & National), where she has received numerous awards in her work related to Civil Rights; and the Les Grandes Souers, where her organization provides charitable services that are beneficial to the community and particularly for the children. Her organization in the past was very instrumental in hosting pageants for the girls and boys of Quitman County, teaching them etiquette, helping to build self-confidence, increase community involvement, and build lasting friendships.

Eloise has been instrumental in helping to organize the Annual Christmas Parades for the City of Marks, providing Annual Scholarships for High School Seniors and she renders herself to any other charitable event in which the Organization is asked to assist.

Eloise is a faithful, longtime member of Silent Grove Missionary Baptist Church where she serves as Assistant Secretary/Treasurer. Her favorite scripture is Psalms 23, because she says, "the Lord is her Shepherd and I shall not want." She is very active and supportive in her community, church and the school district in which she has resided all of her life. Eloise is never hesitant to help anyone in any way that she possibly can.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mrs. Eloise Campbell Barfield-Figgs for she is the epitome of an unsung hero.

KARLY VENN

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 10, 2022

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Karly Venn for

her creative and unique drawing, earning her the top mixed media award in the 2022 Congressional Art Competition.

As a participant in the art show and student at Lakewood High School, Karly created a work of art entitled, "Temperance". The artwork used mixed media, digitally-altered photography, and collage work to show the concept of balance and stability through symmetry.

Karly spent countless hours and used numerous tools to learn new techniques and refine her painting skills and education in the arts. I appreciate her participation in the competition and the support provided by her teachers at Lakewood High School.

Congratulations to Karly Venn for her hard work and participation in the 2022 Congressional Art Competition. I am certain she will exhibit the same dedication and character in her future accomplishments, and I wish her the best of luck going forward.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. AMI BERA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 10, 2022

Mr. BERA. Madam Speaker, I missed the following votes because I was traveling as part of the official Presidential Delegation to the Inauguration of the President of the Republic of Korea.

Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 142, YEA on Roll Call No. 143, and YEA on Roll Call No. 144.

In addition, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 145 (Passage of H.R. 7691). As the world's leading democracy, the United States has the solemn duty to demonstrate strong humanitarian principles, democratic values, and good governance. I strongly support the nearly \$40 billion in emergency funding provided by H.R. 7691 to support the Ukrainian people in defending their sovereignty and the right to choose their own future.